

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

- 1-15. (Cancelled).
16. (Cancelled).
17. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~16~~ 46, further comprising at least one mattress retaining band.
18. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~16~~ 46, wherein the material comprises plastic.
19. (Cancelled).
20. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~16~~ 46, wherein the spacer woven fabric is a spacer knitted fabric.
21. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~16~~ 46, wherein the spacer woven fabric has a thickness from about 4 mm to about 20 mm.
22. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~16~~ 46, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of flame resistant material, fire-resistant material, non-decaying material, non-hygroscopic material, polyester material, polyamide material, aramide material, glass fiber material, saran material, or combination thereof.
23. (Cancelled).
24. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~23~~ 46, wherein the coating is a plastic film.
25. (Previously presented) The underlay of claim 24, wherein the plastic film is selected from the group consisting of polyurethane, polyester, and combination thereof.

26. (Previously presented) The underlay of claim 24, wherein the plastic film exhibits a lower sliding friction than the material.
27. (Previously presented) The underlay of claim 23, wherein the coating is water-impermeable.
28. (Previously presented) The underlay of claim 23, wherein the coating is washable.
29. (Previously presented) The underlay of claim 23, wherein the coating is air-permeable.
30. (Cancelled).
31. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~46~~ 46, wherein the material further comprises a braking surface, wherein the braking surface exhibits a higher sliding friction than the material.
32. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~23~~ 46, wherein the coating further comprises a braking surface, wherein the braking surface exhibits a higher sliding friction than the coating.
33. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~23~~ 46, wherein the material comprises a plurality of layers of substantially flat material fixedly attached to each other.
34. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~46~~ 46, wherein the patient securing belt is attached to the underlay mat by an attachment selected from the group consisting of sewing and hook and loop connections.
35. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~46~~ 46, wherein the underlay further comprises tunnel-like receptions for accommodating the patient securing belt when the patient securing belt is not in use.
36. (Previously presented) The underlay of claim 35, wherein the tunnel-like receptions are positioned substantially transversely to the underlay.

37. (Previously presented) The underlay of claim 35, wherein the tunnel-like receptions are sewed onto the underlay.
38. (Previously presented) The underlay of claim 35, wherein the tunnel-like receptions are located on the underside of the underlay.
39. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~46~~ 46, wherein the underlay has three patient securing belts.
40. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~46~~ 46, wherein the underlay is permanently affixed to a mattress.
41. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~46~~ 46, wherein the underlay is integrated into a mattress.
42. (Currently amended) The underlay of claim ~~46~~ 46, wherein the pull member is a loop.
- 43-45. (Cancelled).
46. (New) A rescue underlay for a mattress comprising:
- a. a substantially flat material comprising
 - a spacer woven fabric having at least two layers spaced apart by bridge threads and providing spring travel, and
 - a readily disinfected coating on the underside of the material,
 - wherein the material is substantially the size of a mattress;
 - b. at least one pull member; and
 - c. at least one patient securing belt.